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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In Application of:)
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 SHINYA YAMAMOTO, ET AL.)
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 Application No.: 09/650,752)
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 For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)
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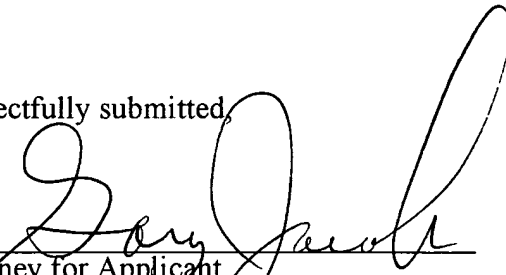
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. These documents were cited in a February 21, 2002 European Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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